

**The Post-Office Site.—The Old Dutch Church NOT THROWS OVERBOARD.**—The statement of one of our correspondents that the General Government had made a decision adverse to the present location of the Post-Office and that several bodies yet remain in the vaults of the old Dutch Church, making it difficult to secure a valid title, seems to be without any foundation in fact; consequently, there is no immediate prospect of the removal of the Post-Office to a more suitable locality. From inquiry of the Postmaster, we understand that all the bodies had been removed from the vaults of the Dutch Church, at least a month ago. The Board of Health gave their consent, and the bodies were taken away in the night; so there is no difficulty about the title on this account. The General Government have not yet refused nor accepted the site now occupied in Nassau street, or, at least, the Government officers connected with the Post Office have had no intimation of any such decision. If there is any defect in the title, the master will probably undergo the careful examination of the Attorney-General before it is settled.

#### FIRE-ESCAPES, TENEMENT-HOUSES, AND THE UNSAFE BUILDING LAW.

Yesterday, by invitation, we witnessed the exhibition of a new fire-escape, which has been patented by Baker & McGill of this city. After the terrible calamities of last winter, the Legislature inserted a section into the Building law then before that body, relating to the safety of tenement-houses in the event of fires. The section provides that all dwellings built for the residence of more than eight families shall have:

First, iron stairs in a fire-proof building which is to be connected to the exterior walls of the tenement.

Second: If the stairs and building are not erected as above, then there must be fire-proof balconies on each story of the building, to be connected by fire stairs.

The fire-escape exhibited yesterday has been built in conformity to the 2d clause. Its mode of operation is simple and effective and consists of a balcony as usually built, connected from story to story by an adjustable stairs and balusters. The stairs are permanently fastened at one end to the under-side of the balcony, and to the foot of the stairs is secured a chair, which connects with a real adjuster to the under side of the balcony. By winding the real, the stairs are hoisted to a horizontal position, where they remain in ordinary, and are ready to be lowered as a man's choice. On a signal of fire, a trap-door in the balcony is raised, when a small iron pin connected by a chain to the trap is withdrawn from the real, and the stairs gradually descend to the balcony beneath. As the stairs pass down, folding balusters open, and thus prevent a fall and sure escape.

On the reel there is a small brake, regulated by a screw when put up, which controls the gradual descent of the stairs. The simplicity of the whole apparatus, and the eay means of egress, provides all that is required in a fire-escape. The chief feature of this invention over others yet exhibited is, that it provides a means by which the occupants save themselves, without waiting for the assistance of persons in the street.

Although some two months have passed by since the enactment of the unsafe Building law, no provision as yet in this particular has been made by landlords of tenement houses. The enactment requires fire-escapes to be placed on tenement houses already constructed, but it is very doubtful if the owners of these buildings will comply with it until they are compelled to do so.

**TAKING UP A COLLECTION.**—The last day of June, being pay-day at the Custom-house, the agents of the Breckinridge organization, made a small assessment of about 20 per cent upon the salaries of the faithful. A large number, fearful of their hold on the public crib, responded at once to the call; but others, who have "friends" at court, were not so ready. They will all have to come to it, however, or else walk the plank.

**A NUISANCE.**—The street-sweeping machines are frequently put in operation about the time the plumes of dust are let out, and while there is a large number of pedestrains on Broadway. The dust, always a source of sufficient annoyance, is by this means rendered nearly intolerable. These ingenious scavengers are of great utility, but they should not begin running till two hours later than under the present arrangement.

**PAVONIA FERRY COMPANY.**—At the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen, the Committee on Ferries reported to the Controller to notify this Company to comply with the terms of the lease immediately, or expect it to be put up for sale to the highest bidder. The lease is to run to this date as follows: The late Controller, on the 15th of February, 1851, purveyed the laws relative to sales of ferry franchises, sold to the Pavonia Ferry Company the lease of the ferry privilege from Chambers street to Pavonia avenue, for the term of ten years, at a rent of \$3,500 per annum, and an instrument of proper form was drawn up and copied into two books of that officer; but the parties, though notified, never came forward to execute it. The rent, however, has been regularly paid by the New-York and Erie Railroad Company, and receipts given thereto. It appears that no steps have ever been taken to put in operation this ferry, occasioned, it is asserted, by legislative embarrassments at the Pavonia terminus. The reason assigned for not disavowing the sale to the Company and re-advertising it franchise has been that the city received a fair compensation for the grant.

**FOR EUROPE.**—The steamer Africa left this port yesterday for Liverpool, taking out \$128,012 in specie and fifty passengers, among whom is Mr. Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte of Baltimore, who goes to France, it is said, to advocate his claims in behalf of the late Prince Jerome. The steamer Teutonia also sailed for Southampton, Havre, and Hamburg, taking out one hundred and eighteen passengers.

**A NOVEL ARRIVAL.**—The yacht John W. Ryan, from Philadelphia, July 28, arrived here on Tuesday afternoon, and is now lying at the foot of Clarkson street. She brings twenty-four members of the "Cannibals" of Philadelphia, who are out on a political excursion. In the Presidential campaign of 1856 the Continentals are the "Minute Men," and supported the claims of Mr. Fillmore. During the present campaign they have ranged themselves under the banner of Lincoln, and with their whole force of twenty-thousand men will use every honorable means to aid "the election of Honest Abe." The delegation by the yacht numbers twenty-four, including Len and C. Reeves, Marshall, and "Pole" Bennett, Captain of the craft. The other members of the delegation come with the crew. They were met on the Delaware at Belvidere's Landing sixteen miles above Philadelphia, by Mr. Lincoln and Haven men of Burlington, in the yacht George Washington, and escorted by them to Burlington, Bristol, Florence, and Bordentown, being greeted with salutes along the route. After attending a large political meeting in Bordentown, the party came in their yacht, drawn by a steam propeller through the Hudson Canal, stopping at the various points on the route, and distributing campaign documents to the villages and on the canal boats. Arrived at the Raritan, they set sail, and care by the outside route by way of Amboy and then up the bay to this city. The Continental delegates intend remaining in this city till Friday, when they will return home, probably by the same route. The Continentals have issued a steamer song, and are fully provided with Republican documents with which to pursue their labors as political missionaries. To-night Mr. Reeve will speak at the Republican Central Campaign Club, No. 722 Broadway.

**MEETING OF THE CITY DELEGATES TO THE BRECKINRIDGE AND LANE STATE CONVENTION.**—The delegates to the Breckinridge and Lane State Convention, which meets at Syracuse on next Tuesday, the 7th inst., met at the Irving Buildings, Broadway, last evening. About 300 persons were present; speeches were made by the Rev. Wm. J. Hodges, President of the Club, Mr. Morse, its Secretary, and by a fugitive colored man in this country is nobody; and still further according to the exposition of these brilliant Democratic luminaries, he has not nor part not in the liberty secured by the Revolution's war, though he did help fight the battles; the Declaration of Independence was written only for white men; therefore there is no occasion for the black man in this land to celebrate that particular day of the month of July when young America vents her noisy patriotism. But as yet no Constitutional commentator has discovered any hidden meaning in that document, or any clause of it which forbids, in the Free States, at least, the colored population to celebrate the day when Great Britain wholly gave freedom to the African race held by her in bondage in the West India Islands.

Yesterday being the 26th anniversary of that eventful day, the Colored Men's Republican Club of Brooklyn and New-York held a picnic at Myrtle-avenue Park to celebrate the i-d-pendence then conferred on their race. About 300 persons were present; speeches were made by the Rev. Wm. J. Hodges, President of the Club, Mr. Morse, its Secretary, and by a fugitive colored man in this country is nobody; and still further adopted a broad-sabre songster, and are fully provided with Republican documents with which to pursue their labors as political missionaries. To-night Mr. Reeve will speak at the Republican Central Campaign Club, No. 722 Broadway.

**SOUTH BROOKLYN REPUBLICANS.**—A meeting of the Lincoln and Hamlin young men of South Brooklyn was held at the hall, at the corner of Court and Sackett streets, on Monday evening, when they resolved to form themselves into the irrepressible Wide-Awakes of South Brooklyn. The Club then proceeded to the election of officers, and also adopted a long brief article by which they are to be governed. There was an earnest, enthusiastic speech delivered by the irrepressibles, which indicates that they mean to be heard for during the campaign. They adjourned to meet on Saturday evening next at their new wig-wam on Court street, near Harrison.

Adjourned to Friday.

**FORGERY.**—The young men named Michael Barrett, San J. Moss, and Michael Morris were examined by Jas. M. Moore, yesterdays on the charge of passing forged \$5 bills to the Union Bank of Utica, Mass., and charged they passed several transfers in the Sum of \$1000 worth which were committed in full to the action of the Grand Jury.

**ATTACK ON AN OLD MAN.**—A notorious character, named William Collier was brought before Jas. M. Rodman, yesterday, on the charge of committing a robbery upon an old man. The old man was passed off Collier at the foot of Congress street on Monday afternoon, when the accused attacked him, and inflicted such severe injury that it was deemed advisable to take him to the hospital. Collier was committed by Mr. Moorehouse to await the result of the inquest.

**BURGLAR CAPTURED BY WOMAN.**—The dwelling house of Mrs. Maria Dorsey, in Nassau street, near Grand street, was broken into and plundered on Tuesday night by two armed men. The woman who owned the premises, with a bundle of *laundry*, Mrs. Dorsey followed them, and grabed the collar of the older man, and then ran to the Fourth Precinct and gave him notice to attend to the burglar. The burglar was committed by Mr. Moorehouse to await the result of the inquest.

**SERIOUS CASUALTY.**—A man named John Rockford, employed in a coal yard at the foot of North Tonawanda, was severely and probably fatally injured while at work yesterday, by a heavy iron bar. He was working on a pile of iron, bending it, fastening and nailing upon him. He was picked up in an insensible condition and conveyed to the City Hospital.

**BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.**

The Board held a regular meeting yesterday afternoon. Mr. Jones, the President, occupied the chair. A bill was received from John H. Steele, amounting to \$1000, for repairing and rebounding books in the City Commissioner's office, in 1855. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. PERLEY offered a resolution that the Street Commissioner be directed to alter and repair the Union Market Bell-Tower, at an expense not to exceed \$500. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

By resolution of Mr. LENT, the Corporation Council was directed to take the necessary legal measures to have Sixty-eighth street opened from Eighth to Tenth avenue.

The Committee on Ordinances reported in favor of concurring with the Board of Aldermen to adopt an ordinance relative to the weighers of hay in this city. The ordinance fixes the license fee at \$25, and provides that no weigher shall charge any person applying for his services as such weigher, and for a certificate of the weight of any hay, more than 25 cents on each ton of hay loose, or more than 6 cents on each bushel of hay for weighing and marking the same, and for a certificate thereof.

The Board referred to the credit of Croton Board to cause the whole of the carriage-way of Carmine-street, from 8th avenue to Varick street, to be paved with stone block pavement, as a continuation of the work now in progress for paving Sixth avenue to Forty-second street.

The ordinance for additional appropriations for the present year, including the great Japanese bill, coming up for action.

Mr. PINCKNEY called for the reading.

The PRESIDENT stated that it could not be adopted to-night.

Mr. PINCKNEY remarked that he would like to hear the particulars of the ordinance.

The LEADER commenced reading. After the amount of the Japanese appropriation was read, a motion was made by Mr. VAN TINE to dispense with the further reading.

This was opposed by several members crying out, "No, no."

Mr. PINCKNEY moved to refer the paper to a Special Committee of three, for the purpose of a full examination. It was voted to this Board to refer the paper, that the particulars of this ordinance should be made to appear.

Mr. HOGAN moved to lay the subject on the table, which was lost by 8 Yeas to 12 Nays.

The motion of Mr. PINCKNEY was lost by the same vote.

Mr. SHAW moved to lay the subject over, to be made the special order for Friday evening.

Mr. PINCKNEY opposed the motion, and moved to amend by referring to a Special Committee that portion of the ordinance relating to the Japanese appropriation, which was lost, and the motion to lay over till Friday was carried by 16 Yeas to 6 Nays.

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Mr. DICKER remarked that the original owner of the property was willing to take \$9,000 for the property, but the party offering it had charged \$15,000 for it.

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